

Chehlum procession taken out in memory of Karbala martyrs



Chehlum procession taking out in Jammu.

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JAMMU: A procession to commemorate the Chehlum (40th Day) of martyrs of Karbala 1440 years back was organized by Anjuman-e-Imamia Jammu. Keeping in view the situation of COVID-19 and the guidelines issued by the administration, the mourners paid tribute to the martyrs of Karbala with restricted guidelines. The procession of Chehlum was taken out from Dargah Peer Mitha Sofi Shah under the banner of Anjuman-e-Imamia Jammu. People from faiths pay tribute to the martyrs of Karbala. The procession

passed through its traditional route and culminated at Karbala, Wazarat road. Maulana Syed Jalal Haider Naqvi of Iran Culture House Delhi addressed the gathering and deliberate upon the teachings of Imam Hussain (A.S). He passionately narrated that how Imam Hussain (A.S) saved the real values and teachings of Islam by offering himself and his 72 companions. The mourners paid homage to Imam Hussain (A.S) by taking out Alam and Tazia procession. While talking to media, President Anjuman-e-Imamia Syed Amanat Ali Shah thanked

JDA honours sanitation workers

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JAMMU: As part of Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav, Jammu Development Authority (JDA) on Tuesday honoured its sanitation workers in an event 'Safaimitra Samman Samaroh'. Vice Chairman JDA Pankaj Magotra honoured the sanitation workers of JDA by giving summer and

winter uniform, caps and mementoes. He termed Safaikaramcharis as our Safaimitras who are always around us in keeping the environment clean and hygiene. He urged them to work with dedication for improving the sanitation condition in JDA complexes and bring good name to the department.

Gold worth Rs 42 lakh seized from passenger at Imphal Airport

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IMPHAL: Gold paste, weighing over 900 gm and valued at approximately Rs 42 lakh, was seized by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) from a passenger at the Imphal Airport on Monday, the CISF said in a release. Four packets of yellow metal paste, weighing about 909.68 gm, were recovered. CISF Sub-Inspector B Dilli noticed the presence of metal inside the rectal cavity of a passenger while frisking him, the statement said. The passenger, identified as Mohammed Shereef, is a resident of Attupuram Pokkumnu, Kozhikode in Kerala and was supposed to fly from Imphal to Delhi on an Air India flight AI-890 at 2:20 PM. He was taken from the Security Hold Area for questioning but "could not reply satisfactorily", authorities said. Officials then took him to the Medical Examination Room for an X-Ray of his lower body, officials said. The report showed concealed metallic items inside his body cavity, they said. The passenger later confessed, the official statement said. Rhe passenger was handed over to Customs for further action.

Lot has happened first time in J&K: Rekha

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JAMMU: The people of Jammu and Kashmir, have, for the first time, got a lot in many matters, which will go into the chapters of the history of this erstwhile state and now Union Territory, as a game changer.

Rekha Mahajan, Secretary, J&K BJP, stated this, while claiming that during the seven years rule of BJP under Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, Jammu and Kashmir, has achieved the distinction of



being the most cared State/UT in matters related to development, air, road and rail connectivity, power generation, establishment of prestigious health and educational institutions, development of water bodies etc. "Many things have happened for the first time during Prime Ministership of Narendra Modi, which include grant of citizenship rights to the West Pakistan refugees, grant of reservation to Economically Weaker Sections, residents of International Border, Pahari Speaking People and Scheduled Tribes", Rekha said and added that there are dozens of such examples which are new and first for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

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CISF nabs passenger with 5.3 kg Marijuana at Kolkata Airport

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KOLKATA: Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on Tuesday nabbed a passenger with Marijuana (Ganja) weighing about 5.3 kg at Kolkata Airport.

According to Assistant Sub-Inspector Rohit Bidhuri of CISF, some suspicious image inside the hand baggage of the accused passenger was noticed. "The arrested accused has been identified as Devdas Adhikari, who was supposed to travel to Port Blair by IndiGo Airlines Flight. On suspicion, the bag was sent for the physical check," said Bhidhuri.

"Sub-Inspector Vijay Das of CISF checked the bag physically and found two suspicious packets weighing about 5.3 kg wrapped with black polythene. The packets were then checked through the drug detection kit which confirmed the suspicious item was Marijuana (Ganja)," he added.

Bidhuri also said that the matter was immediately informed to the Senior Officers of CISF and Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and the accused along with the seized Marijuana was handed over to the NCB.

Further investigation into the matter is underway.

Bhalla extends support to aggrieved students of Cluster University Jammu

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JAMMU: Extending active support to the aggrieved students of Cluster University Jammu, who are agitating against alleged faulty evaluation of intermediate semesters, JKPC Vice President and former Minister Raman Bhalla on Monday night visited Science College to express his solidarity with students.

Protesting students told former Minister that the Cluster University Jammu was playing with the academic future of students enrolled in the University.

They claimed that the Cluster University had notified examination guidelines for UG intermediate semesters according to which there was relaxation of 20 percent syllabus and 50 percent

administration for their cooperation in commemoration of this day. He further added that one should go and read about the eminent personalities who have write or pen down their feelings about the great sacrifice of Imam Hussain (A.S).

Vice President Anjuman Syed Afaq Hussain Kazni appealed to the mourners that please keep all the COVID-19 guidelines because its our duty and we have learned from Karbala how to serve people. Keeping the sense of communal harmony alive once again Jammuites showed the example of brotherhood as people from different communities participated in the procession.

The proceedings of the program were conducted by Ayaz Naqvi Joint Secretary of the Anjuman. While presenting vote of thanks after culmination of the procession, Prof. Sujat Khan Secretary Anjuman-e-Imamia Jammu said that we are thankful to the administration and all the departments for their unconditional support to make this event a success.

Mayor lays foundation stone of cattle pond at Bandhurakh

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JAMMU: Continuing his drive to provide more civic and development amenities to the people of Jammu, Mayor JMC, Chander Mohan Gupta along with Advocate Purnima Sharma, Deputy Mayor ON Tuesday laid foundation stone of cattle Pond/Gaushala at Municipal land at Bandhurakh Jammu.

Dr. Sushel Sharma Municipal Veterinary Officer, Satish Langer Executive Engineer, Janak Raj Saini Assistant Executive Engineer, concerned Junior Engineer and other Supervisory staff of Engineering Division-IV as well as Rajinder Kumar Sanitation Officer, Scheme Mattoo Sanitary Inspector, Ashok Kumar Sanitary Supervisor & field staff of Veterinary section & Transport/Sanitation Wing of JMC were remained present there.

BJP pays tributes to Shaheed Sub Maj Nain Singh Jamwal



J&K BJP leaders and others paying tributes to Shaheed Sub Maj Nain Singh Jamwal.

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JAMMU: J&K BJP paid tributes to Shaheed Sub Maj Nain Singh Jamwal Shaurya Chakra on his martyrdom day at Ward No 70, Sainik Colony, here.

J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, JMC Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta, General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta, Deputy Mayor Adv. Purnima Sharma and others paid tributes to Shaheed Sub Maj Nain Singh Jamwal. Ravinder Raina, while paying tributes to the martyr, said that organizing such functions for the martyrs and to remember their sagas of braveries and valorous inspire younger generation and inculcate a sense of patriotism in them. He said that the terrorists and their sponsors will always be given the befitting reply by our valiant forces, in which our jawans never show any lack of courage. He added that in our rich heritage, our brave soldiers have always sacrificed their lives for the motherland and we are proud of them. Raina further said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir want to progress on the path of peace and prosperity defeating nefarious designs of the terrorists.

He added that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government has high regards for the brave jawans and is taking concrete steps by improving sophisticated infrastructure, weaponry and other facilities to make our defense forces stronger than ever.



Mayor, Chander Mohan Gupta laying foundations of Cattle Pond at Municipal land at Bandhurakh.

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor told that in order to effectively contain the menace of stray animals, free roaming animals in Jammu City and shifting of animals from unregistered dairies within JMC limits, there was much need of additional cattle pond as the present cattle pond owned by JMC at Dogra Hall Jammu having capacity of only about 70 animals at a time does not fulfill the current scenario arisen due to menace of stray animals on

daily basis and it was getting difficult for JMC to tackle this alarming situation which also causes frequent traffic jams & road accidents.

He further told that there is provision of separate sheds for keeping the animals including cows, bulls, horses etc found roaming freely on the roads and lifted by the MVO section of JMC as well as open shed for cow dung collection, shed for storage of feed & fodder, residential quarter of Chowkidar and

AYUSH replenishing lacking healthcare infra efficiently: Yudhvir



BJP Vice President J&K, Yudhvir Sethi distributing AYUSH medicines.

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JAMMU: AYUSH is fulfilling the needs of community health issues by acting as viable via media especially when the conventional medical edifice is unable to cater to the healthcare needs of the society.

This was stated by BJP Vice President J&K Yudhvir Sethi while addressing a gathering during an AYUSH camp here in Jammu East constituency.

The AYUSH camp was organized by Bharat Bhushan Convenor Sanskriti Cell of BJP Yudhvir Sethi distributed Ayurvedic Medicines to the vis-

itors of the camp. The medicines included immunity boosters, tonics, multivitamins, etc. He emphasized the profound impact and instrumental role of Ayurveda in the daily lives of human beings ever since it has evolved.

Ramesh Gupta Vice President District Jammu Co-Convenors Narinder Singh, Sumit Sharma, Distt. Jammu Convenor Sahil Mahajan, Brij Lal Verma, Distt. Rurul Convenor Bahadur Singh Manahs, All Cells Incharge Co-Convenor Ved Sharma were present on the occasion.

Cong failed as responsive opposition: Balbir

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JAMMU: Congress, now confined to a family and few leaders, needs to review its whole approach and policies in the present political scenario, both at international and national levels. This party has been politically marginalised across the country and is surviving on the crutches of talking against every decision, policy and programme of the present BJP government under Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

Balbir Ram Rattan, Spokesperson, Jammu and Kashmir, BJP, said this, while claiming that the mission 'Congress Mukht Bharat' has been almost accomplished and the remaining will soon be achieved with the contribution of its own leaders. Balbir said that in a healthy democracy, a responsive opposition is must but unfortunately, the Congress and many other political parties, have, failed to play their role in a positive manner as they are more concerned to promote dynastic politics.

The BJP Spokesperson said that by looking at the present politics being played by opposition parties, particularly the



Congress, one would note that this party never utters a single word of appreciation even when India gets recognition at global level, which needs to be taken as an honour for everyone, be it political party or a citizen of the country.

He said that when it comes on sovereignty and security of the country or safety and well being of its citizens, the politics should be kept aside, which is not seen these days.

Balbir, while referring to the good governance and people-centric dispensation under Prime Minister, Narendra

Modi, said that during the seven years period, a lot has been done in every sector with the sole objective of massive development and socio-economic upliftment of every citizen across the country and a wave of such change is visible on ground but the Congress is not willing to accept, which is again the reflective of its narrow and self-centric approach.

The bottom line of this kind of politics by Congress is that it has the sole agenda to oppose everything done by BJP government, he said adding that It would be better for Congress if it revisit its policies and acts as an opposition party, which understands its role and responsibility well.

HC quashes detention of two under PSA

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court quashed the detention of two of Kulgam District who were detained by the Authority under Public Safety Act.

Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey while quashing the detention of Mohammad Asif Raina and Mubarak Ahmad Dar observed that the detenu was not supplied the materials relied upon by the detaining authority. The detenu was provided material in the shape of grounds of detention with no other material / documents, as referred to in the order of detention. On these counts alone, in view of the above settled position of law, the detention of the detenu is vitiated, the detenu having been prevented from making an effective and purposeful representation against the order of detention.

With these observations High Court quashed the detention Order No. 81/DMK/PSA/2020 dated 25.02.2020 and detention order no. 32/DMK/PSA/2019 dated 22.07.2019 passed by District Magistrate Kulgam with the direction that to release the detenu from the preventive custody forthwith.

DB grants two months' time to file Draft Revised Jail Manual

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JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking farming of new Jail Manual for J&K, Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul, grants two months time to file Draft Revised Jail Manual of J&K UT and Ladakh UT. When the PIL Came-up for hearing, Division Bench observed that PIL is regarding the amendment of the Jail Manual and to bring it in consonance with the Jail Manual of Thirar Jail. DB further observed that it appears that till date nothing has been brought on record regarding upgradation and finalization of the Jail Manual on behalf of the UT of J&K.

ASGI T. M Shamsi, appearing for the UT of Ladakh submits that his status report is already on record and that in the UT of Ladakh the Jail Manual is in the process of revision and finalization. He prays for and is allowed two months' time to place the Draft Revised Jail Manual of Ladakh before the Court. Sr. AAG BA Dar appearing for the UT of J&K submits that the Jail Manual of the J&K has been revised and that it will be placed before the Court on the next date.

DB grants two months time to file Draft Revised Jail Manual and fixed December 23, 2021.

Sikh Minority Forum calls on Ashok Kaul, discusses issues

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SRINAGAR: BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul praised the valour of the Sikh community and promised that they would take necessary steps to uplift the whole Sikh community and solve all their problems.

Ashok Kaul was addressing a press conference organized by Sikh Minority Forum at Srinagar. Ashok Kaul was Chief Guest and the Surinder Ambardar and Abhijeet Singh Jasrotia were the special guests in the conference.

They assured the community and especially the youth that they will surely be considerate towards the issues and the core concerns discussed by the various speakers.

Ashok Kaul added that in the coalition government, BJP was the one to give nomination to Sikhs whereas the other coalition partner didn't had the courtesy to do so



Sikh Minority Forum members presenting sword to BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Kaul.

whereas Sikhs have a very strong presence in Kashmir this show the apathy of traditional party.

The core concerns discussed were generation of employment packages for Sikh youth, implementation of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Ordinance in Kashmir in order to prevent the grooming of young Sikh girls and their conversion, using marriage as a tool, providing the status of Official Language to Panjabi, conducting of Gurudwara elections as earliest as possible

and implementation of Anand Karaj Marriage Act.

Kuldeep Singh (Chairman-Sikh Minority Forum), Harjeet Singh Duke (President), Bikram Singh (General Secretary), Ravinder Singh (Joint Secretary), Malket Singh (Youth Leader) and Coordinators Barkat Kour Rattan, Manpreet Kour, Gurdeep Singh, Jagdeep Singh, Harjeet Singh, Bhavneet Singh, Manjeet Singh and Harjot Singh were also present in the press conference.

CS reviews mining ops; directs early issuance of ECs

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SRINAGAR: The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, on Tuesday chaired a meeting to review mining activities towards ensuring availability of construction material at reasonable prices in Jammu and Kashmir.

Administrative Secretaries of departments of Mining, Forest, Ecology & Environment, besides Director, Ecology, Environment & Remote Sensing, Member Secretary, Pollution Control Board (PCB) and concerned officers participated in the meeting.

It was informed that currently 123 mines, including 40 dedicated blocks, are operational in the Union territory and additional 168 mines have been given extension by the Mining Department to complete requisite formalities.



CS, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta chairing a meeting.

Once all the mines are operationalized, the supply of minerals will be further augmented. The Chief Secretary emphasized on the availability of various minor minerals at reasonable prices and directed the Mining Department to submit weekly reports in the matter.

Meanwhile, the Divisional Commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu were directed to undertake market surveil-

lance and ensure removal of unnecessary bottlenecks, if any, in ensuring availability of construction material at equitable rates across the districts. They were asked to analyze the difference in rates between districts and rationalize the same, besides ensuring notification of rates in consonance to the ground realities.

The Chief Secretary asked the Forest Department to

expedite the process of issuance of environmental clearance (EC) in favour of the 168 mines and ensure its completion by November 2021.

Simultaneously, the Mining Department was asked to initiate cancellation proceedings against the successful bidders if they fail to apply for the statutory clearances within the stipulated time frame. It was also asked to hold a meeting with all the stakeholders and ensure hassle-free and time-bound issuance of requisite clearances.

Reviewing the rejections on account of wrong documentation, the Chief Secretary directed fixing of responsibility and strict disciplinary action against the defaulting issuing authority or the executing agencies as per the laid down norms.